(ii) Grant of export market assistance on selected thrust export items of jute products;

(iii) Participation in various forum by JMDC at home and abroad for promotion of jute products;

(iv) Enactment of Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 providing foodgrains, Sugar and Urea to be packed in jute bags.

(v) Introduction of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme w.e.f. 1.4.1999 for improvement of productivity, quality and achievement of cost competitiveness of jute products.

Revival Plan for Employees of NTC

2279. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised revival plan for 73,000 employees of National Textile Corporation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) On the basis of a unit-wise viability study made by NTC, Government is considering a revised turn around plan for the viable subsidiaries of NTC alongwith the viable mills under them keeping in view the BIFR norms of net worth of these mills turning positive within the period prescribed by BIFR. The interest of the workers will be kept in view in the Revival Plan.

Calculation of Excise Duty on Fabrics

2280. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are two standards for calculating excise duty on processing of fabrics by composite mills and by weaving units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Governments plan to make it equitable for all producers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are two standards for calculating excise duty on processed fabrics. The details are given below: